GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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UTILIZATION OF MACHINES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the figures of actual production during the last six years have been compiled from the Daily Work-dockets or the same have been furnished on some estimation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relevant purchase files have been misplaced deliberately;

(d) if not, the reasons for not producing them to the CAG Investigating Team;

(e) whether the capacity of the said machines were fixed as late in 1995-96 whereas it were purchased in 1986;

(f) if so, the estimated loss towards blockade of funds;

(g) whether between 1986 to 1996, crew had all along been paid for no work; and

(h) if so, the action contemplated in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): The figures of actual production during the last six years have been compiled on the basis of records of production available with the Press including the Daily work Dockets. These have not been furnished on any estimation.

(c)&(d): These machines were procured during 1986-87 through DGS&D. The files being old (about 14 years old), it was not possible to locate these files to produce them before the Audit team. The Audit had asked for these files only to ascertain the declared/rated capacity of the machines for calculating their capacity utilization. Audit has been apprised that the capacity utilisation of machines is calculated on the basis of `assessed capacity` and not on the basis of `rated capacity`. No further comments have been received from the Audit.

(e)to(h): These machines were installed/caommissioned during 1988-89 and their Assessed Capacity had been fixed in the year 1990 itself. These machines are being utilised since their installation. Therefore, there is no question of any loss due to blockade of funds. The question of crew having been paid for no work also does not arise.